



# Indianapolis Sister Cities International

## Mayor Gregory A. Ballard

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### Indianapolis is a Global City

One aspect of our international character is expressed with our many links to the rest of the world through the Sister Cities International program. Today, Indianapolis is proud to have international partnerships with eight Sister Cities.

### About Sister Cities International (SCI)

SCI encourages citizen diplomacy by creating and strengthening partnerships between U.S. and international communities.

- SCI empowers private citizens, municipal officials and business leaders to conduct long-term sister city programs
- Represents more than 2,500 partnerships in 135 countries around the world
- Inspired by President Dwight D. Eisenhower's 1956 call for citizen diplomacy
- Headquartered in Washington, D.C.

### The Indianapolis Sister City International Program

#### Mission

The Indianapolis Sister Cities International program (ISCI) is committed to promoting Indianapolis as a global city. ISCI promotes international awareness and understanding through cultural, educational, civic, and business engagement and exchange with our international partner cities. ISCI does this by empowering private citizens, municipal officials, as well as leaders in the community, business and academia to serve as citizen diplomats and global advocates.

#### Getting Involved!

The Mayor's Office of International and Cultural Affairs directs the Indianapolis Sister City program. Each of our individual Sister Cities relationships is managed by a local committee of community volunteers. We are pleased to have the International Center as a support partner in this initiative.

We invite you to get involved by joining one of our 10 volunteer committees. We have two program committees; education and events, as well as eight partnership committees. Contact Jane Gehlhausen, Director of International & Cultural Affairs [global@indy.gov](mailto:global@indy.gov)



### Indianapolis Sister Cities International

Taipei, Taiwan  
1978



Cologne, Germany  
1988



Monza, Italy  
1994



Piran, Slovenia  
2001



Hangzhou, China  
2008



Campinas, Brazil  
2009



Northamptonshire  
County, UK 2009



Hyderabad, India  
2010

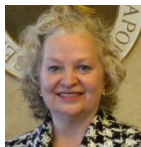




## The Indianapolis Sister Cities Leadership Team

- ISCI program committees help plan events and initiatives on behalf of the entire ISCI program
- Partnership committees help plan events and initiatives on behalf of each international Sister City partnership

the City of  
**Indianapolis**  
Mayor Gregory A. Ballard



### Sister City Program Committees:

#### Events

**Jane Gehlhausen:** [global@indy.gov](mailto:global@indy.gov)

Jane Gehlhausen, Director of International and Cultural Affairs is developing and managing initiatives to strengthen Indianapolis' global connections in areas across business, conventions, universities, sports and the arts. She provides the overall direction for the Indianapolis Sister Cities International program.



#### Education

**Susan Tomlinson:** [global@indy.gov](mailto:global@indy.gov)

Susan Tomlinson teaches at Franklin Central High School and sponsors the World Cultures Club. A native Hoosier, her international experience includes teaching American students in Germany and travel with delegations to Saudi Arabia, China, Macedonia, and Japan. She is currently President Elect of the Indiana Council for the Social Studies.



### Partnership Committees:

#### Taipei, Taiwan

**Chao-Hung Lee:** [taipei@indy.gov](mailto:taipei@indy.gov)

Chao-Hung Lee is an active community member and has been president of the Taiwanese-American Association of Indianapolis, the Indiana Chinese-American Professional Association, and the Nationalities Council of Indiana. He has chaired the International Festival of Indianapolis four times and has also been chairman of the Indiana-Taiwan Sister State Committee since 1993.



#### Cologne, Germany

**Martin Baier:** [cologne@indy.gov](mailto:cologne@indy.gov)

Martin Baier is a retired German Air Force (GAF) Lt. Colonel and has lived in Germany, Great Britain, Italy and the United States. His background includes extensive cross-cultural experience with liaison functions to U.S. companies and other NATO forces. He now serves as the International Center's VP of Programs and Services.



#### Monza, Italy

**Paola Santini:** [monza@indy.gov](mailto:monza@indy.gov)

Paola Santini is the Honorary Vice Consul of Italy for the State of Indiana. She has been involved with the International Center and the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Before moving to Indianapolis with her family, she was an executive in the pharmaceutical companies Servier, Boeringer Ingelheim and Eli Lilly. Paola has lived in Italy, France, and Mexico.



#### Piran, Slovenia

**Josef Laposa:** [piran@indy.gov](mailto:piran@indy.gov)

Josef Laposa has made two trips to the Sister City of Piran and has cousins in Prekmurje region (NE). He is also actively involved on the Board of Directors of the Nationalities Council of Indiana since 2002. As a native of Saint Louis, Missouri, he also has extensive public-sector work experience.



#### Hangzhou, China

**Sherry Dong:** [hangzhou@indy.gov](mailto:hangzhou@indy.gov)

Sherry Dong is Associate Consultant in Analytical Science Research and Development of Eli Lilly. She is from Shanghai, China and has been very active in the Chinese community of Indianapolis. She has served on the Indianapolis Chinese Festival Committee 2008-2009 and on the board of the Lilly Chinese Culture Network (CCN) 2005-2010 and served as Chair in 2009.



#### Campinas, Brazil

**Raquel Ward:** [campinas@indy.gov](mailto:campinas@indy.gov)

Raquel Ward is the founder and CEO of Brasil Bound LLC, an international business consulting firm specialized in assisting to American companies doing business in Brazil and to Brazilian companies doing business in the U.S. Raquel is a Brazilian-American citizen who lived in Brazil for most of her life, has continuously pursued academic and professional development in both countries, and has been an active member of the Brazilian community in Indiana.



#### Northamptonshire County, UK

**Jeff Kitchen:** [northamptonshire@indy.gov](mailto:northamptonshire@indy.gov)

Jeff Kitchen is the General Manager of Xtrac, who manufacture motorsports transmissions used in a variety of race series worldwide. Originally from California, he came to Indianapolis to be part of the motorsports industry that thrives here. His extensive travels include business conducted in the UK, Germany, Japan and Australia.



#### Hyderabad, India

**Raju Chinthala:** [hyderabad@indy.gov](mailto:hyderabad@indy.gov)

Raju Chinthala is from Hyderabad, India and was a delegate on the Mayor's 2010 Hyderabad trip. He is active in the International and Indian Community, serving as the President of the Asian Services of Indiana, Chairman of the India Association of Indianapolis, Board Member of Lafayette Square Area Coalition, Board of Directors of the Nationalities Council of Indiana, and Director of the World of Difference international Parade.